

Lorain County *Beekeepers* Association

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President's Message

I hope that all LCBA members had an opportunity to visit The Lorain County Fair last month and see what LCBA does in order to put the face of this organization front and center. If you missed this chance you will have another this month at the End Of Summer Classic, to be held at The Lorain County Fair Grounds, Sept 24th gates open at 9 a.m.

Come out and hear two of the best speakers in the US today, Susan Cobey is speaking twice, she is an expert in the field of queen bee artificial insemination, and in part will discuss selection methods for a honey bee breeding program.

Kim Flottum, editor, author, historian, past president of EAS and OSBA will discuss Honey Adulteration. There will be a lot going on that day, bring the whole family for a great time, buggy rides, local artisans, crafters, vendors, games, door prizes and a great cars show.

This Friday will be our winter prep class, and is a must if you expect to have bees next spring to start the season with. Class will be conducted by Gene Gargas, Randy Leiby, John Rose, and Denzil St.Clair, see you there.

Your illustrious and humble president,

Denzil



Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

Congratulations to our 50/50 Raffle Winner!!

August Members Meeting

Randy Leiby, Sr. who generously donated his winnings to the LCBA Building Fund! Thank you Randy!

Don't forget to get your tickets at every meeting!

LCBA Memorial Honey will be available at the August Members Meeting for \$12 a bottle

A gracious thank you to all 50/50 raffle winners who have donated their prize to the LCBA Building Fund.

Also thanks to all of you who have donated to the LCBA Building Fund at every meeting.

September 9th Members Meeting at Life Church at 7 pm

"Preparing Your Bees for Winter"

Our September meeting is all about getting your bees prepared for the winter to help keep them alive. This is a meeting you don't want to miss!

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Reminders!!!

LCBA is looking for volunteers who are interested in helping with a Hospitality Committee. Responsibilities would include setting up the kitchen before and after meetings, preparing coffee, setting out water, desserts and accessories for the meeting. Please let a board member know if you are interested.

We need a few more volunteers for the End of Summer Classic. The sign-up sheet will be available at the Friday night meeting. Please sign up and let us know what times you would prefer to work if you are looking at attending the talks. We need people for ground crews, selling cookbooks, helping at the welcome booth, educational booth and selling basket tickets. The EOSC schedule is below to help you plan your day at the event. Come join us for a day of fun and adventure! You may be one of the lucky winners of a door prize, gift baskets, bee hive raffles, grill raffle, bee equipment raffle or the 50/50 drawing. Entertainment will also include a car show from 10-3 hosted by Frank Lamanna.

2022 End of Summer Classic event schedule:

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| 7-8:30 | Vendor set up |
| 8:00 | Gates Open |
| 10:30 – 11:30 | Speaker Sue Cobey, Building 19 |
| 11:30 – 12:30 | Banjo man, lunch, vendors, booths |
| 12:30 – 1:30 | Speaker Kim Flottum, Building 19 |
| 1:30 | Door prizes drawn and posted on board |
| 1:30 | Cash draw for Car Cruisin |
| 1:30 – 2:00 | Vendors & Booths |
| 2:00 – 3:00 | Speaker, Sue Cobey, Building 19 |
| 3:15 | Drawings for baskets, 50/50, beehive raffles, grill |
| 3:30 | Clean up |

If you or your place of business would like to donate an item, basket or service to our Chinese Raffle Baskets for the End of Summer Classic, please bring these items to our members meeting and see Val Calderwood, valjohn708@gmail.com or call at 440-529-3825. We are a 501 C3 and can provide the paperwork needed for your donation.

Lorain County Beekeepers Fair Updates and Events

Reminders!!!

Our October 14th members meeting will be our Annual Fall Potluck and Auction. Start looking around the house for the new and never used or gently used items you wish to donate. All funds will go towards our Building Fund. Mark the date on your calendar now for a fun filled evening. Entertainment provided by our auctioneer, Denzil St. Clair.

Saturday, October 15th will be our first "Intro to Beekeeping" class for anyone who may be interested in possibly starting beekeeping but are not sure. It will be a short, 2 hour class that will touch on how to set up your bee yard, equipment needed and starting off as a beekeeper. "Beekeeping for Dummies" books will be available for purchase for those who wish to read over the winter and be prepared for your Beginner Beekeeping classes in March. So if you know anyone who has been thinking about keeping bees, this would be a great opportunity for them to see what is involved. Class costs \$20 for all attendees living at the same address! Hope to see you there! Please see page 5 for the signup sheet!!

A huge THANK YOU to the Wellington Eagles Gun Club for their donation to the LCBA Building Fund! Thank you to all who sold gun raffle tickets and helped to park cars!! Their donation of \$3850 sure looks good in that building fund!!



Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

Thank you from LCBA!!

Joann Norman presented a check for 250.00 to the LCBA building fund in the name of Michael W. Honoshofsky, a lifetime supporter and friend of the Lorain County Beekeepers and the Lorain County Fairgrounds.



Lorain County Beekeepers Spotlight

Beekeepers: Frank and Lori Keleman

September 2022

1. How long have you been beekeeping?

This is our 3rd year as beekeepers.

2. What prompted you to become a beekeeper?

Lori wanted chickens but after finding out the cleanup behind them, we decided on bees since we had been reading about the decline in honeybees and wanted to aid in pollination.

3. How did you hear about LCBA?

We found them on the internet.

4. Did you have a mentor? If so, who was it?

Not really, we took the beginner classes, waited a year and bought our bees. However, LCBA has been an invaluable resource of information and guidance.

5. What has been your biggest challenge?

Not sure we would call it a challenge, but trying to curb the growth of an apiary?

6. What have you enjoyed most about beekeeping?

Starting from scratch and learning how to care for the bees and knowing what's going on in the hives in order to be productive. We did six walk away splits last year and each made a queen so we were delighted to be able to do that.

7. How many hives do you have?

10

8.. What area is your apiary in? (Village or Township only)

Eaton Township

9. What are your five year beekeeping goals?

Improve our honey by planting many more pollinator friendly plants and a large amount of buckwheat. Continue to maintain our hives and keep them healthy.

10. Your words of wisdom to new beekeepers?

Pay little attention to social media, you ask 20 beekeepers a question and will get 20 different answers! Attend your monthly meetings and GET INVOLVED WITH YOUR CLUB!!! - we've made amazing friends through LCBA.

To Promote Beekeeping through Education, Cooperation and any other Efficient Means

Located in Lorain County, Ohio, LCBA was founded in 1919 as a non-profit organization committed to educating the public about the value of honeybees and the impact honeybees have on our world. We provide educational appearances upon request to schools and groups. LCBA encourages and mentors beginning beekeepers through scholarship programs for students along with adult education.

Monthly Meetings

When: 2nd Friday of each month, starting at 7:00pm to 9:30pm

Where: Life Church

1033 Elm Street, Grafton, OH 44044

Did you know donations to LCBA are tax deductible???

Lorain County Beekeepers Association is now a 501c(3) organization. Any donations made to LCBA are now tax deductible!!!

The BUZZZZ Advertising Fees

Members can place classified ads—maximum 4 lines (approx. 3/4 in by 3 3/4 inch) for free on a one time basis. If the same ad places for more than 1 month, a fee will be charged. There is also a fee if the ad is larger than the size listed above. Ads will run in the newsletter which is posted on the LCBA website and distributed to our member circulation and billed for 12 issues.

Rates are as follows for ads provided by customer *LCBA Officers reserve the right, at their sole discretion, to change, modify, add, or delete all or portions of ads for content. Terms and policies to change. Information posted is a courtesy to LCBA Members and/or a paid advertisement for business entities. LCBA does not endorse or guarantee quality or pricing .

- 1 (Full) page - \$25.00 per month/issue
- 1/2 page ad - \$18.00 per month/issue
- 1/4 page ad - \$12.00 per month/issue
- 1/8 page ad - \$10.00 per month/issue

Any questions regarding advertising?
 Contact Lori Keleman at
 BuzzzzWorthy@gmail.com

Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

August 12th Members Meeting

Bee Barn Cleanup and Prep for Lorain County Fair

Thank you to everyone who helped make our barn an amazing creation!! Extra thanks for the pizza!!





Lorain County Beekeepers Association

Founded 1882, reorganized 1919, and incorporated 1966.

INTRODUCTION TO BEEKEEPING CLASS

October 15, 2022

An introduction to beekeeping to provide you with an overview of the equipment you need to start your first hive, the honeybee life-cycle, pests and diseases.

Time: 10:00 AM to Noon

Location: Life Church
1033 Elm Street
Grafton, Ohio 44044

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

The class cost \$20 for you and other family members living at the same address. Books will be available for an additional \$25 fee during class. Please list additional family members that will be attending the class with you:

How did you hear about this class? _____

Please make checks payable to: LCBA \$20 Cash _____ Check _____

Please mail form with check to:

Lorain County Beekeepers Association
c/o Audrey Gargas, LCBA Secretary, 2410 Brook Haven Lane, Hinckley, OH 44233

Please contact Audrey with any questions at info@loraincountybeekeepers.org allowing 24 hours for messages to be returned.

The above person/family acknowledges that their contact information will be added to the email list. This list is a controlled item and will be used only for L.C.B.A. business and will not be used for any other purposes.

I acknowledge the risks involved in beekeeping activities which include and not limited to: stings, falls, shock, allergic reactions and personal injury. I agree to hold harmless Lorain County Beekeepers Association from any liability, including financial responsibility for injuries or property damages, regardless of whether injuries are caused by negligence in the State of Ohio.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Thanks to Wendi Volkert for sharing a great opportunity from Bee Culture Magazine! Also she has been in touch with a gentleman who has acreage in Wellington and would like to have some hives - YOU MUST BE ABLE TO CARE FOR THEM, please contact Wendi at wendi@lyvol.com

At Home Beekeeping Webinar
Distance Learning for Beekeepers

We're offering beekeepers the chance to attend virtual meetings from the comfort of one's own home using a computer or mobile device. Speakers include university researchers and extension specialists from across the SE US as well as USDA ARS researchers. Each event will bring participants up to date on timely beekeeping topics with time for Q & A included.

All are welcome!! Join us for this free event!!

- August 30: Planting and managing wildflowers for forage, with K. Parys (USDA-ARS)
- Sept. 27: Behavior, chemical ecology, and genetics of Varroa, with T. Reams (TAMU)
- Oct. 25: Breeding and performance of bees with Varroa Sensitive Hygiene, with F. Rinkevich (USDA-ARS)

Last Tuesday of the month
6:30 – 7:30 pm Central Time

Watch via Zoom Webinar
<https://auburn.zoom.us/j/904522838>
or Facebook Live: <https://www.facebook.com/LawrenceCountyextension/>
Questions? Email Allyson Shabel ams0137@aces.edu

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2022 EVENTS



**Saturday, September 24,
"End of Summer Classic"**
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Susan Cobey, International Authority in the
Field of Instrumental Insemination of
Honey Bees & Kim Flottum, Past Editor of
Bee Culture Magazine & Author of Many
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End of Summer Classic

KEYNOTE SPEAKER & GUEST SPEAKER

SUSAN COBEY

INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY IN THE FIELD OF INSTRUMENTAL INSEMINATION OF HONEY BEES
Selection Methods for Honey Bee Breeding & Instrumental Insemination Techniques

KIM FLOTTUM

PAST EDITOR OF BEE CULTURE MAGAZINE & AUTHOR OF MANY BOOKS ON BEEKEEPING
Honey Adulteration



SEPTEMBER 24, 2022

GATES OPEN 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**LORAIN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
 WELLINGTON, OHIO**

Bee Part of the Excitement!

Lorain County Beekeepers Association proudly presents the End of Summer Classic 2022. This will be a fun-filled community educational day including; beekeeping experts & buzz, family-friendly activities, local artisans, crafters & vendors, fair food, games, door prizes and raffles. Plus a Classic Cruisin' with Frank LaManna Presents.

Day's Timeline of Events

- 9:00 am: Opening Announcements
- 10:30 am: Susan Cobey
- 12:30 pm: Kim Flottum
- 2:00 pm: Susan Cobey
- 3:15 pm: Drawings

Special Attractions

- LCBA Raffles
- LCBA Door Prizes
- Beekeeping Experts
- Classic Cruisin' with FLP
- Peibitt Garden Centers
- Meyer Hatchery
- Buggy Rides
- Bounce House
- Crafters & Vendors
- Food & Beverages
- Music



"Our first End of Summer Classic was a remarkable accomplishment, not equal to any other. The Lorain County Fairgrounds venue was perfect for our event. We had over 600 in attendance, a lineup of great speakers, a vendor hall filled with all kinds of merchandise, fantastic food, car show, children's activities, buggy rides and more. The 2022 EOSC looks bright and will be an event to remember."

Gene Gargas, EOSC Chairman

LORAIN COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION



2022 END OF SUMMER CLASSIC

Admission \$5 13 and under free

Become a Sponsors today!

- Gold Level
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Lorain County Beekeepers Updates

Thanks to Cherished Creations for generously sharing their storefront for LCBA to decorate!

Please meet Ms. West and her classroom of Oz kiddos learning about bees!





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